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SUBJECT: GUATEMALAN COMMUNIST PARTY AND REBEL ARMED FORCES INTEN-
TIONS TO INITIATE WAVE OF VIOLENCE AND SABOTAGE
OF AMERICAN-OWNED INDUSTRIES.BATOR
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1. [REDACTED] A GROUP OF LEADING AND ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE PARTIDO GUATEMALTECO DEL TRABAJO (PGT - GUATEMALAN COMMUNIST PARTY) AND OF ITS REVOLUTIONARY FIGHTING ARM, THE FUERZAS ARMADAS REBELDES (FAR - REBEL ARMED FORCES), HELD AN EMERGENCY MEETING IN THE HOME OF HORTENSIA ARAGON GOMEZ, PSEUDONYM "VIOLETA", IN GUATEMALA

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CITY. AMONG PROMINENT PGT-FAR LEADERS PRESENT WERE THE FOLLOWING: BERNARDO ALVARADO MONZON, PSEUDONYM "JAVIER", SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PGT AND A MEMBER OF THE CENTER OF REVOLUTIONARY DIRECTION OF THE FAR; FRANCISCO RAMIREZ CORADO, PSEUDONYM "LAZARO", AND ARMANDO CASTILLO MORALES, PSEUDONYM "ALFREDO", BOTH LEADING MEMBERS OF THE PGT AND THE FAR; ALFREDO DE JESUS MAYEN ALFARO, PSEUDONYM "NACHITO", TREASURER OF THE FEDERATION AUTONOMA SINDICAL DE GUATEMALA (FASGUA - PGT - DOMINATED LABOR FEDERATION) AND PGT LIAISON WITH THE FAR; AND RODRIGO ASTURIAS AMADO, PSEUDONYM "ANSELMO", SON OF MIGUEL ANGEL ASTURIAS ROSALES, COMMUNIST WRITER WHO IS CURRENTLY GUATEMALAN AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE.

2. ALVARADO TOLD THE GROUP THAT THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE PGT HAD MET WITH FAR LEADERS ON 26 OCTOBER TO DRAW UP A PLAN OF ACTION TO COUNTERACT THE "AGGRESSION, PERSECUTION, AND MURDERS" BEING COMMITTED BY GUATEMALAN MILITARY AND POLICE AGAINST THE PGT-FAR. ALVARADO SAID THE PGT-FAR DEFENSIVE PLAN PREPARED ON 26 OCTOBER WILL BE PUT INTO EFFECT IMMEDIATELY IN GUATEMALA CITY AND IN ALL THE DEPARTMENTS. HE INSTRUCTED THOSE PRESENT TO INFORM THEIR GROUPS THAT THE PGT-FAR WAS NOW ON "WAR STATUS", AND THAT THE PROGRAM OF VIOLENT ACTION TO BE INITIATED WOULD BE CONTINUOUS AND PROGRESSIVE. THE PLAN CALLS FOR

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INITIAL ATTACKS ON ARMY AND POLICE PERSONNEL THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, AND SABOTAGE WHICH WILL INCREASE IN INTENSITY AND EXTENSIVENESS. MAJOR TARGETS OF SABOTAGE WILL BE AMERICAN-OWNED OIL INDUSTRIES AND BUSINESSES IN GUATEMALA. ALVARADO ANNOUNCED THAT FOR THE PRESENT THE SPECIFIC TASK OF ALL MEMBERS OF PGT-FAR SHOCK SQUADS WHO ARE STILL UNARMED IS TO CREATE DISTRACTIONS WHENEVER ANY VIOLENCE IS PERPETRATED IN THEIR DISTRICTS BY THE PGT-FAR FORCES.

3. ASTURIAS SAID THAT IN CHIQUIMULA, BAJA VERAPAZ, AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS THE FAR HAS BEEN ON THE DEFENSIVE BUT IS ANXIOUS TO ASSUME THE OFFENSIVE. HE SAID THAT THE FAR IN THESE AREAS HAD NOT INITIATED ANY TERRORIST ACTIVITIES BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN RESPECTING PREVIOUS ORDERS TO AVOID VIOLENCE. ASTURIAS ASKED FOR INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE FAR GROUPS IN THESE AREAS. ALVARADO GAVE ASTURIAS TWO SEALED ENVELOPES WHICH HE SAID CONTAINED INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE INITIATION OF A PROGRAM OF VIOLENCE. [REDACTED] COMMENT. THERE IS NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO SHOW WHEN ASTURIAS MAY HAVE RETURNED TO GUATEMALA FROM MEXICO CITY, WHERE HE HAS BEEN LIVING IN EXILE SINCE HIS EXPULSION FROM GUATEMALA IN JANUARY 1964. ASTURIAS WAS ARRESTED IN DECEMBER 1963 FOR AGITATING AMONG STUDENTS IN SAN CARLOS UNIVERSITY, WHERE HE WAS A STUDENT OF ECONOMY. ASTURIAS, FORMERLY CONNECTED WITH THE

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MOVIMIENTO REVOLUCIONARIO 13 DE NOVIEMBRE (MR-13 - 13 NOVEMBER REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT), GUATEMALAN GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION HEADED BY MARCO ANTONIO YON SOSA, IS A FANATICAL ADMIRER OF FIDEL CASTRO RUIZ AND THE CUBAN REVOLUTION.)

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4. [REDACTED] COMMENT. IT IS BELIEVED THAT SIMILAR EMERGENCY MEETINGS WERE HELD THROUGHOUT GUATEMALA CITY ON 27 OCTOBER BY THE PGT-FAR IN ORDER TO TRANSMIT INSTRUCTIONS TO RANK-AND-FILE MEMBERS ON THE INTENTIONS OF THE PGT-FAR TO RESUME A CAMPAIGN OF CONTINUED VIOLENCE.)

5. [REDACTED] COMMENT. SINCE LATE OCTOBER QUASI-DAILY TERRORIST INCIDENTS HAVE BEEN COMMITTED BY THE PGT-FAR. TO CITE A FEW, ON 21 OCTOBER FAR MEMBERS SHOT AND SERIOUSLY WOUNDED ELISEO BRENES PAIZ, MILITARY COMMISSIONER OF CAYUGA, MORALES, DEPARTMENT OF IZABAL; ON 24 OCTOBER GUATEMALA CITY POLICE ARRESTED SIX FAR MEMBERS WHO HAD STOLEN A TAXI AND WERE ON A "MISSION" FOR THE PGT-FAR, AND CAPTURED THEIR ARMS AND AMMUNITION; ON 26 OCTOBER A GROUP OF ARMED FAR MEMBERS ATTACKED THE "JOCOTALES" NATIONAL POLICE STATION KILLING SEVERAL POLICE OFFICERS AND WOUNDING OTHERS, ALTHOUGH THEY FAILED TO CONFISCATE ANY WEAPONS; ON 26 OCTOBER FAR MEMBERS KILLED MANUEL SAGASTUME ORELLANA, MILITARY COMMISSIONER OF SANTA ROSALIA, ZACAPA; ON 31 OCTOBER FAR MEMBERS BROKE INTO THE CENTRO DISTRIBUIDORA GUATEMALATECA

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DE LICORES, LTD. (LIQUOR DISTRIBUTORS), GUATEMALA CITY, ESCAPING WITH THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CASH; AND ON THE NIGHT OF 29 OCTOBER SUSPECTED FAR MEMBERS ATTACKED THE NATIONAL POLICE STATION AT CABAÑAS, ZACAPA. ON 27 OCTOBER ANOTHER USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCE REPORTED PLANS OF THE PGT-FAR TO INITIATE AN EXTENSIVE PROGRAM OF VIOLENCE ON OR ABOUT 15 NOVEMBER. THIS REPORT SAID THAT THE PGT-FAR HAD ALREADY INITIATED TERRORIST INCIDENTS IN GUATEMALA CITY AND THAT SUCH INCIDENTS WOULD CONTINUE [REDACTED]

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